

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I used to think of myself as a fairly good sport when I was involved in the same type of competition at school in which my own children are now competing. In fact, I won a good sportsmanship trophy one year, but in retrospect I think it might have been given because of my Academy Award speech when I conceded my defeat and acknowledged that "Gladys Hefflemeyer REALLY deserved being elected."

*However, as a parent I don't think I'd stand a chance of winning a similar award. The acting job would be too difficult, for what parents can concede believing that their child didn't deserve to win the lead to the school play or starting quarterback?*

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But it isn't that my children have never won anything. It's just that the competition they choose to enter is overcrowded and consequently their chances of winning are narrowed. For instance, I think every girl in the school that Patrice attends must try out for cheer leader at one time or another. The elimination trials alone go on for weeks while we at home are subjected to a continual display of practice arm waving and chants of, "Go, team, go."

I keep asking my kids to try out for the Chess Club or the School Clean-Up Committee, but they'll hear nothing of it.

*I even suggested to Brian that he try out for the school LaCrosse team instead of freshman football. But apparently there isn't a LaCrosse team, but why couldn't he organize one instead of competing for a position on the football team with 60 others? And 59 of them, I might add, all seeking the job of quarterback.*

Perhaps, it might be wise for both Patrice and Brian to try out for "spectator." The school is going to need them.

The pinnacle in the try-out competition has to be the rivalry in grammar school to become a "monitor." There are monitors of all levels — Bell Monitors, Chalk Monitors, Corridor Monitors and the top monitor, the Lunch Monitor. Particularly if you are Diane's age and are placed in a supervisory capacity over the younger grades.

Unlike presidential aspirants, nobody in the fifth grade denied they were a candidate for the post. And naturally I began to root for Diane, although I restrained myself from sending a campaign poster to the teacher stating Diane's qualifications: "Leadership, integrity, experience."

*I'll have to say that Diane took her defeat in stride, vowing she'd try again — next week. In the meantime she was quick to concede that "Jill Haight really deserved to win."*



AT UNITED WAY KICKOFF

Since ten United Way agencies and the Red Cross serve Torrance residents, the women of Torrance are enthusiastically volunteering their services as solicitors for the United Way Drive now under way. Attending the county-wide kickoff at the Hollywood Palladium are three Torrance Junior Women's club members, from left Mrs. Milton Gregory, Actor Rod Taylor; Mmes. Larry Smith and Frank Patten. The Junior Woman's club is helping with the residential drive. (Stanart Photo)

## Walteria WSCS Sets 'Festival' on Nov. 4

WSCS of the Walteria Community Methodist Church will present its annual "Harvest Festival" on Saturday Nov. 4 from 12 noon until 7:30.

Booths filled with bazaar items such as aprons, kitchen gadgets, doll clothes, Christmas decorations, and gift items will be open through the festival hours.

There will also be a special table for the children plus a grab bag of items for the small fry.

The bake and candy booths will offer homemade delicacies for the pleasure of festival-goers.

Beginning at 5:30 p. m. dinner will be served with a special price for children.

Mrs. Dave Lewis is dinner chairman and is being assisted by Mrs. Ted Zellner. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Zellner.

Mrs. H. R. Herrera Jr. is general chairman of the Harvest Festival. Other chairmen are Mmes. Frank Jurkovich, children's booth; Hugh Cosby, Christmas decorations; Nils Johnson, bake booth; and Jack Tinkle, candy counter.

## Club Hostess

Mrs. R. J. Triplitt was hostess to her club at a bridge-luncheon Friday afternoon at her home, 3236 Eldorado.

In the bridge games following luncheon, high score was held by Mrs. Margaret Westberg, second by Mrs. Henry Backlund and third, Mrs. Philip Halloran.

Mrs. Triplitt's guests were Mmes. Cam Blekely, Jack Brooks, Walter Levy, Westberg, Backlund and Halloran.

Mrs. Backlund is the club's next hostess.

## Fall Program at Torrance Nursery School Under Way

The school year has begun for the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School, and an interesting series of lectures has been planned for the parents of the program. Featured speakers for the first semester include: Mr. Don Bowlius, Oct. 16, Mrs. Robert Campbell, Nov. 9; Mrs. Beth Leonhard, Dec. 14, and Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson of La Pri-

ma Nursery School on Jan. 11. The topics will cover problems of the pre-school child.

The school, located at 4558 W. 182nd St. in Torrance, is sponsored by the Adult Education Dept. of the Torrance Unified School District. It functions both as a nursery school and as a parent education workshop. The children participate in a daily program of arts, crafts, music, story-telling and other creative play in the modern nursery school building and well equipped and fenced playground.

The school is open to all pre-schoolers 3 to 5 years of age in the South Bay area. Applications are still being accepted for the Fall term. For further information Mrs. Gilbert Faustina, 1323 W. 213th St., Torrance, may be contacted.

## Volunteers Needed To Help Child

A young Harbor City mother has asked the Volunteer Bureau for volunteers to help her four-year-old boy. Damage in the mid-brain area has affected Kevin's coordination and he is being given "patterning" therapy according to methods developed by the Institute for Achievement of Human Potential.

Four volunteers are needed daily from 12:10 to 12:40 to help him learn crawling motions.

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